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SUBJ: PROPOSED INTER-AMERICAN MEETING OF TRANSPORT
MINISTERS-REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

REF: STATE 212068

1. MINISTER-COUNSELOR MARIANO TIRADO, FOREIGN MINISTRY
CHIEF OF TRANSPORT DIVISION, PRESENTLY IN MONTREAL ATTENDING
ICAO MEETING AND NOT EXPECTED BACK UNTIL THE END OF SEPTEMBER.
TIRADO APPARENTLY ONLY GOV ACTION OFFICER FOR PARCA MEETING AND
POSSIBLE TRANSPORT MINISTERS MEETING.

2. ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO, EMBOFF DISCUSSED THE QUESTION OF THIS
PROPOSED MEETING WITH TIRADO ONCE AGAIN. HE REPEATED HIS
GOVERNMENT'S VIEWPOINTS AS EXPRESSED BEFORE, NAMELY
THAT VENEZUELAN IS NOT ADVERSE TO SUCH A MEETING NOR TO
THE CREATION OF A PERMANENT LATIN AMERICAN TRANSPORT
MINISTERS CONFERENCE. HOWEVER, THE GOV AGREES WITH THE USG
INASMUCH AS IT FEELS THAT SUCH A MEETING AND THE CREATION OF
SUCH A BODY WOULD REQUIRE MUCH MORE PREPARATION TIME THAN
IS AVAILABLE AND THAT DEFINITE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING
AND AN AGREED-UPON PURPOSE OF A PERMANENT CONFERENCE SHOULD
BE ESTABLISHED BEFORE HAND BY INTER-GOVERNMENTAL CONSUL-
TATIONS. IF HOWEVER, A MAJORITY OF COUNTRIES FAVORS SUCH
A MEETING VENEZUELA WOULD GO ALONG.

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3. POST RECOMMENDS THAT THE DEPARTMENT ATTEMPT TO HAVE

TIRADO CONTACTED AT MONTREAL TO OBTAIN LATEST VIEWPOINTS,
IF ANY, AND TO PASS ON TO HIM INFORMATION CONTAINED IN
PARAGRAPH (2) OF REFTTEL.
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